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A rally and celebration took place as Governor Cuomo's wage board recommended a \$15 industry-wide minimum wage for fast food workers. / BESS ADLER, METRO

# Fast Food Wage Board recommends \$15 wages

## Pay raise.

Fast-food workers could get \$15 per hour by 2018.

in staggered increases by 2021. The pay raises apply for fast-food restaurants and franchises with more than 30 national locations.

The signs were the same at a rally to watch the wage board hearing in Lower Manhattan, more than two years after the "Fight for 15" started.

As Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown — who chaired the wage board — started the hearing, the crowd quieted down, eventually erupting in cheers as the three members moved unanimously to approve the pay increase.

"We did it!" Jorel Ware, 31, yelled into the crowd after the decision. Ware, who works at a McDonald's in Manhattan, has said he makes a little over \$200 a week.

New York state's 180,000 fast-food workers are one step closer to being paid \$15 an hour.

The Fast Food Wage Board recommended raising the minimum wage during a Wednesday afternoon hearing. If approved by the labor commissioner, the minimum wage would rise to \$10.50 on Dec. 31, 2015; to \$12 on Dec. 31, 2016; to \$13.50 on Dec. 31, 2017 and to \$15 on Dec. 31, 2015 for New York City.

Wages for state fast-food workers would rise to \$15

## Quoted

**"From Day 1, Gov. Cuomo's wage board has sought to silence the business community and force through an unfair and discriminatory increase on a single sector of one industry."**

Melissa Fleischut, president and CEO of the NYS Restaurant Association

"Their dream came through," said Kimberly Saget, a campaign organizer with Long Island Jobs for Justice. "I wish Long Island

was on the same level, but 2021 is a good step."

"You cannot support a family on \$18,000, period," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said after the decision.

The move was applauded by City Comptroller Scott Stringer, Public Advocate Letitia James and New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, who attended the rally, and other elected officials and labor leaders.

"This was a thoughtful approach in ensuring that implementing the full \$15 was staggered over a period of years," Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul told Metro after the decision. "There is time to prepare for this ... time to budget."

New York would be the first state with a \$15 mini-

mum wage if the increases are in place by 2025.

After the Senate blocked Cuomo's proposal to raise the minimum wage to \$11.50 in New York City and \$10.50 in the rest of the state, the governor asked Acting State Labor Commissioner Mario J. Musolino to assemble a wage board in May.

Since then, there have been multiple public hearings across the state for fast-food workers, advocates of a \$15 minimum wage and opponents to testify.

The recommendation does not require legislative approval.

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## Budget. MTA Capital Plan in slightly less debt at \$12.4B



Shocker: The MTA is in debt.  
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Hours after city officials warned the MTA to act sooner rather than later to fill the billion-dollar deficit in their \$32 billion capital program, the MTA said the gap isn't as wide as previously thought.

The MTA's current cost-saving financial plan has cut that gap from \$14.8 billion to \$12.4 billion, said MTA CFO Robert Foran during a board meeting on

Wednesday.

The MTA's Capital Program, which was passed last fall, is still not fully funded, and pays for major construction and improvements such as the Second Avenue subway.

MTA Chairman and CEO Tom Prendergast said the mass transit organization has cut \$1.3 billion of its expenses this year, and is on track to save \$1.8 bil-

lion annually by 2019.

Straphangers Campaign attorney Gene Russianoff said during the meeting that the state legislature spent more time during the session, which wrapped up last month, deciding about "dogs, cats and frogs" than MTA riders, referring in part to legislation that designated service dogs as the official New York state dog.

First Deputy Mayor Anthony Shorris sent a letter to MTA Chairman and CEO Tom Prendergast on Tuesday, reminding the MTA that the city contributes to 70 percent of the MTA budget through taxes, tolls and fares,

Four percent fare increases will start in 2017 and 2019. No additional hikes are planned at this time. **WENDY JOAN BIDDLECOMBE**



More than one in 10 American pool inspections had disinfectant level violations, according to the CDC. / GETTY IMAGES

## Are the city's public pools clean enough?

### Put to the test.

Metro tested three of the most popular public pools in NYC to see if their cleanliness was up to par.

Swimming is the fourth most popular recreational activity in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and No. 1 with youth between the ages of 7 and 17. With so many people trying to escape the scorching city weather, Metro stopped by McCarren Park pool in Brooklyn, Hamilton Fish Park Pool in the Lower East Side and Astoria Park Pool in Queens to test out their cleanliness.

The most important sanitation levels of the following chemicals were tested: free chlorine/bromine and pH. By inserting a chemical checking pool strip into the water you can have your answer to cleanliness in 30 seconds.

Overall, the city pools were low and high in some levels that may raise slight concern but not so low that a poolgoer has to fret over falling incredibly ill.

### Hamilton Fish Park

Hamilton had a chlorine level of 3 to 6 ppm, deemed a stable and average level for public pools. Their pH level, however, was low at 6.4.

A low pH level can

cause eye and skin irritation and pipe corrosion. The CDC recommends a pH level between 7.2 and 7.8 — the pH range of a swimmer's body.

### McCarren Park

McCarren fared fine in the pH department with a level of 7.6. However, the free chlorine/bromine level was 5 to 10 ppm, a higher amount than the 1 to 2 and 3 to 6 levels the testing kit recommends. The CDC recommends a chlorine level between 1 to 3 ppm.

While high chlorine levels contribute to this stinging sensation, chlorine binding to waste and sweat by-products can increase the irritation, according to the CDC.

### Astoria Park

Astoria had a pH level of 7.2 ppm was also between the CDC recommended 7 to 8 ppm. Contrary to McCarren, Astoria's free chlorine/bromine level was low at between 0.5 and 1 and 1 to 2 ppm.

Low chlorine levels are caused by sunlight, debris and material from swimmer's bodies, which is why public pools must close an hour each day to maintain these levels. Since chlorine and pH are the first defense against fighting germs in pool water, low chlorine could hinder this process making it take longer.

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Creepy

### Intruder hid under bed for three days

A man broke into a Spotswood, New Jersey, home, hid under a bed in a spare room and charged his four cellphones for three days before he was discovered, NBC New York reports.

Jason Hubbard broke



Jason Hubbard  
SPOTSWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

into the home on Ellanel Boulevard in May. While the homeowner was taking out the garbage, Hubbard walked in through an open door.

On May 10, after three days, the homeowner heard a noise from the spare bedroom and discovered Hubbard.

It is unclear whether Hubbard planned to rob the home at any point

### By the numbers

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Hubbard hid beneath the bed for three days, police said.

during his three-day stay but he was charged with criminal trespass, burglary and theft of services. MEGAN FU

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## Investigation

**NYPD probes cops in beating of black man accused of \$3 pizza slice theft**

His hands were up, but a black man suspected of helping himself to a slice of pizza on July 7 still got

a brutal beatdown from Brooklyn cops, according to surveillance video.

The cost of the slice to New York Fried Chicken on Saratoga Avenue: \$3.

The potential cost of the incident to taxpayers: Tens, if not hundreds of thousands of dollars if aspiring hip-hop artist Thomas Jennings, 24, wins an expected lawsuit — his second suit against

the NYPD.

Workers at the Bed-Stuy chicken joint called 911 to say they were threatened with a knife and that two men walked out with a slice each, and the oregano shakers.

Police Officers Lenny Lutchman and Pearce Martinez caught up to Jennings at nearby Raslin Grocery in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

On the video, first obtained by The Daily News, Martinez is seen striking Jennings, whose hands were up. Lutchman also hit the unarmed man with the billy club.

"I didn't ever know it was coming," said Jennings, who suffered facial abrasions and a massive black eye that is swollen shut.

**JOHN A. OSWALD**

**Making nice. Mayor de Blasio, Uber strike deal on proposal****Sniping**

De Blasio wrote an op-ed in the Daily News voicing concern over Uber's increased presence on the streets, its lack of disability friendly cars, and overcharging consumers. Uber retaliated with rallies, TV ads saying that the mayor was being influenced by taxi companies and a "de Blasio" button on its application that made every Uber car disappear and had wait times skyrocket. The company also requested a livestreamed debate with de Blasio, who declined.

Mayor Bill de Blasio and Uber struck a deal a day before the City Council was to vote on a bill that would cap the number of cars Uber and other for-hire car services could have on the streets of NYC.

The de Blasio administration made a deal with Uber to not limit the growth of its services on Wednesday. In return Uber agreed to take part in a four-month study on the impact its cars have on traffic congestion and the environment. Under the deal, Uber would also work on making its cars more handicap-accessible.

"We are pleased new drivers will continue to be free to join the for-hire industry and partner with Uber," said Josh Mohrer, Uber's New York City general manager, in a statement. "Together, we can build an even better, more reliable transportation system. This is great news for all New Yorkers, including Uber riders and drivers."

The City Council was set to vote on the legislation on Thursday. Gov. Andrew Cuomo criticized the proposal during an interview with the radio show "The Capitol Pressroom" early Wednesday.

"I don't think that government should be in the business of trying to restrict job growth, I don't believe you can restrict job growth," said Cuomo.

"Uber is one of these great inventions, start-ups, of this new economy. And it's taking off like fire to a dry grass. And it's offering a great service for people and it's giving people jobs."

Over the past month, Uber and the de Blasio administration had publicly butted heads over the proposal. **YALDA MOSTAJERAN**

**A Grand ol' tasting**

Grand Central Terminal food vendors offered New Yorkers a taste of their treats Wednesday as part of an ongoing series throughout the month of July. "Taste of the Terminal" in Vanderbilt Hall has been running every Wednesday in July, and will wrap up next week. The event has also featured live performances by Make Music New York.

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## California

**Police rescue woman forced to live in closet**

A Nicaraguan woman who was held captive in a closet for about a year, suffering daily physical and sexual abuse, has been rescued and two suspects arrested, police in the San Francisco Bay Area community of Richmond said.

Local authorities were alerted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as well as a community organization, the Richmond Police Department said in a statement.

The woman was lured to the United States from Nicaragua by a man who told her over Facebook she would be able to secure a better life and work opportunities. **REUTERS**

## Hip-hop

**Meek Mill accuses Drake of fakeness on Twitter**

There's fresh beef in the Twitterverse.

Just because rappers Drake and Meek Mill worked together on Mill's post-prison stint album



Meek Mill / WIREIMAGE

"Dreams Worth More than Money," released last month, that doesn't mean they're friends.

Partly in response to Drake not tweeting about the new album's release, the Philadelphia native went on a Twitter tirade Tuesday night, accusing Drake of not writing his own music and rapping a ghostwritten lyric on the single "R.I.C.O."

"Stop comparing drake to me too.... He don't write his own raps! That's why he ain't tweet my album because we found out!" Mill tweeted. "He ain't even write that verse on my album and if I woulda knew I woulda took it off my album..... I don't trick my fans!"

Drake didn't respond to the accusation.

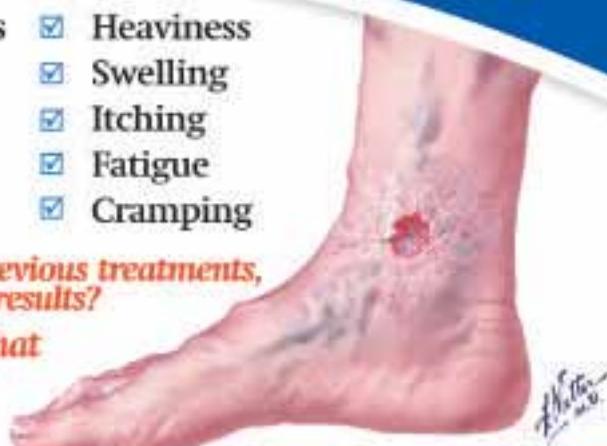
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## IKEA offers repairs for dressers after two kids die

### Repair program.

About 7 million MALM chests and 20 million other IKEA chests and dressers are in the program.

ers can pose a tipover hazard if not securely anchored to the wall," the statement said.

A 2-year-old boy from West Chester, Pennsylvania, died in February 2014 when a six-drawer MALM chest fell on him and pinned him to a bed, the statement said.

A 23-month-old child from Snohomish, Washington, was killed in June 2014 when a three-drawer MALM chest tipped over and trapped him.

IKEA and the consumer panel have gotten 14 reports of tipover accidents involving MALM chests, resulting in four injuries. IKEA also knows of three other reports of deaths since 1989 from tipovers involving other models of IKEA chests and dressers, the statement said.

The MALM chests were sold starting in 2002 at a price ranging from about \$80 to \$200. **REUTERS**

IKEA North America is offering repairs for 27 million chests of drawers after two children were killed when the dressers tipped over on them, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said on Wednesday.

The Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, company, a unit of Swedish furniture retailer IKEA AB, is making available free wall-anchoring kits for its MALM three- and four-drawer chests, two styles of six-drawer MALM chests, and for other chests of drawers and dressers, the commission said in a statement.

"The chests and dress-

**Corruption**

## Powerful New York state senator convicted of lying to FBI agents

A powerful New York state senator was convicted on Wednesday of lying to FBI agents during a public corruption investigation, federal prosecutors said.

Thomas Libous, a Republican and the second-highest-ranking state senator, had been charged with one count of making false statements by the office of Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara, which has pursued a sweeping campaign against public corruption in Albany, the state capital.

Earlier this year, Bharara indicted the leaders of both

legislative houses, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, who subsequently stepped down from their posts but refused to resign their seats.

A jury convicted Libous, the state Senate's deputy majority leader, on its first day of deliberations following a weeklong trial.

"Public corruption is a scourge," Bharara said in



Thomas Libous faces up to five years in prison. / GETTY IMAGES

a statement. "But lies to law enforcement make the job of fighting corruption doubly difficult."

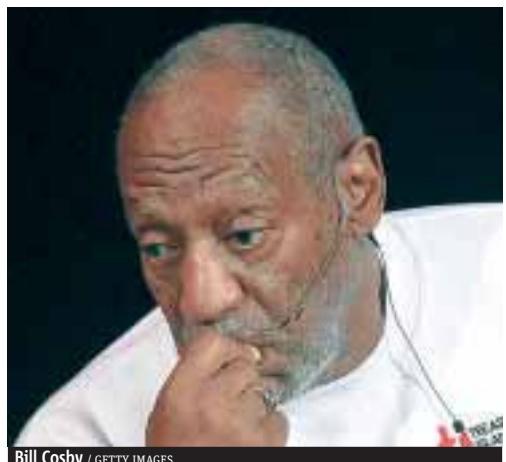
Libous' defense lawyer could not immediately be reached for comment.

The case against Libous was based on a 2010 interview by FBI agents, who were investigating whether he had arranged for his son Matthew to be hired at a law firm in exchange for

promising to steer business to the firm. Authorities also were looking into allegations that Libous had arranged for a lobbying firm to pay a portion of his son's salary.

Libous falsely told the agents he did not know how his son had gotten his job and said he never promised to refer business to the firm, according to the indictment. **REUTERS**

## Lawyers defend Cosby. 'Many people' used quaaludes in the '70s



Bill Cosby / GETTY IMAGES

Bill Cosby's lawyers have asked the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for the details of a 2005 settlement in a sexual-battery lawsuit to remain sealed from the public.

The plaintiff, a Temple University employee who accused Cosby of sexually abusing her, would like the settlement unsealed.

Cosby's lawyers defended the comedian, and wrote in their request that in the '70s everyone used quaaludes and that Cosby never admitted to rape.

"Reading the media accounts, one would conclude that defendant has admitted to rape," Cosby's lawyers wrote. "And yet defendant admitted to nothing more than being one of the many people who introduced quaaludes into their consensual sex life in the 1970s."

So, essentially, his behavior was OK because everyone was doing it.

### Women

## 45

About 45 women have come forward with allegations that Cosby drugged and raped them. The comedian has never been charged and denies every allegation.

Cosby's lawyers, in their request to keep the documents sealed, accused the plaintiff of riding "on the coattails of the barrage of inaccurate and negative media attention that followed this Court's July 6, 2015, release of excerpts from Defendant's deposition."

The lawyers are referencing, at least in part, The New York Times' recent article describing Cosby as "an unapologetic, cavalier playboy, someone who used a combination of fame, apparent concern and powerful sedatives in a calculated pursuit of young women," in released court documents.

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US military prison



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## White House says it is drafting plan to close Gitmo

The White House said on Wednesday it was in the final stages of drafting a plan to close the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the widely criticized detention center for foreign terrorism suspects.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the administration hoped to "short circuit" opposition from Republicans in Congress who have blocked President Barack Obama from closing the prison, one of his top goals when he took office in 2009.

The prison has been the source of alleged

abuses, including the waterboarding of prisoners under interrogation, and the White House says it is used as a propaganda tool for militant groups recruiting supporters to fight America.

The New York Times reported that White House national security adviser Susan Rice had recently met with Secretary of Defense Ash Carter and presented him with a memo that said he would have 30 days to make decisions on transferring the prisoners away from Guantanamo.

But the newspaper said Carter had not made a commitment to moving the prisoners by a particular date. There are currently 116 detainees at the prison. **REUTERS**

# Alleged Charleston shooter faces federal hate crime charges



U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch / GETTY IMAGES

**Shooter.** The 21-year-old is charged with murdering nine worshippers at a church in Charleston.

Alleged Charleston church shooter Dylann Roof faces federal hate crimes and firearms charges that could lead to the death penalty or life in prison, U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said on Wednesday.

A federal grand jury in South Carolina returned a 33-count indictment



ROOF / REUTERS

against Roof, accused of killing nine people attending Bible study at a historically black church last month, Lynch said.

The federal government has not decided if it will seek the death penalty if Roof is convicted, according to Lynch.

South Carolina does not have a hate crimes statute, and so the hate crime charges that Roof targeted the victims "because of their race and in order to interfere with their exercise of religion" are part of the federal indictment, Lynch said.

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# Five things you need to know

## Florida man who landed gyrocopter at Capitol rejects plea deals

A Florida man who flew a gyrocopter onto the U.S. Capitol grounds has rejected two plea deals and said on Wednesday his trial would be a forum on the need for campaign finance reform.

Douglas Hughes, 61, a former mail carrier from Ruskin, Florida, said he expected two trials from his illegal flight — one in U.S. District Court and a second in the court of public opinion as he fights lobbyists' influence in the U.S.

"People, if they want to have a circus, I'm going to bring an elephant," Hughes told reporters outside U.S. District Court.

He was arrested on April 15 after piloting the craft from Pennsylvania

and landing on the west lawn of the Capitol. He was carrying a letter for each of the 535 members of Congress.

The stunt involving the small unauthorized aircraft was among the most high-profile of recent security lapses in Washington.

Hughes' lawyer Tony Miles, an assistant federal public defender, said during a status hearing before District Court Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly that Hughes had rejected a formal plea offer that would have put him in prison for 10 to 16 months. An informal second offer of a 10-month sentence expired on Wednesday.

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HUGHES

## Texas officials say video of Sandra Bland not edited

The dashboard video of a traffic stop in Texas of a black woman later found hanging dead in her jail cell was not edited, but efforts are being made to repost it, Texas officials said on Wednesday, citing technical issues.

The video, released publicly late on Tuesday, shows how the stop of Sandra Bland for a failure to signal a lane change quickly escalated into an altercation between her and a state trooper. Footage where a car or a tow truck driver are suddenly seen in different places or gone raised questions about whether the video had been altered.

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## Rate of US teens having sex has dropped in past 25 years

The percentage of U.S. teenagers who have had sex has dropped significantly over the past quarter of a century, with less than half of 15- to 19-year-olds reporting they had a sexual experience, according to data.

Some 44 percent of never-married females in that age group reported having had sex at least once, down from 58 percent who said they had done so in a survey released in 1988, according to data by the National Center for Health Statistics. The prevalence of sexual activity among teen males also dropped to 47 percent from 69 percent over the same period.

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## Washington Post takes case of jailed Tehran reporter to the UN

The Washington Post stepped up a campaign for the release of its jailed reporter in Iran, Jason Rezaian, appealing to the U.N. Human Rights Council to help secure his release after a year of what it called "arbitrary" detention.

The newspaper filed a petition with the council's Working Group on Arbitrary Detention seeking action to press Tehran to free Rezaian, one of four Americans detained or missing in Iran whose release is being sought openly by the U.S. administration.

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## St. Jude pumps up heart device business with \$3.4B buy

St. Jude Medical agreed to buy smaller rival Thoratec Corp. for about \$3.4 billion, giving it more devices for patients with the highest risk of heart failure.

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## OMG. 'The Bark Knight': Wearable Batman suit made out of tree bark

One French artist's variation of the Batsuit will have you "stumped." Christophe Guinet, aka "Monsieur Plant," fashioned his own take of Batman's iconic suit out of tree bark. The 37-year-old from Paris used layers of bark, lichen,

fungus and vegetal moss to cover a foam mold of the superhero cowl and cape. After a photo shoot across the French capital, the suit is now on display at pop-up art space La Maison Muller. The suit was made to only be displayed. Guinet told Metro he didn't realize how uncomfortable it is to wear until they were in the midst of a photo shoot.

### Why did you make this suit?

I was among 30 artists selected by Warner Bros. France and Paris-based design agency Splendens Factory to create a Batman costume. It seemed obvious to use bark to represent strength, plus lichen and moss for the cape to balance the whole appearance. Warner Bros. will auction off the outfit to raise money for charity.

### Tree bark to represent strength, you say?

Yes, this bark represents the protective force of superheroes. The foam strengthens the balance that exists between the symbiosis of nature and that of this mythical character. The final composition is both poetic and disconcerting.

### But why Batman?

Batman is an interesting character because it is



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### Question

## Was it hard to make?

It took one month to make this Batsuit out of tree bark; several techniques and methods were needed for it. The hardest and longest part was the mask, as it required a lot of patience and thoroughness.

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Batman costume at an exhibition at the French pop-up art space La Maison Muller / CHRISTOPHE GUINET - MONSIEUR PLANT

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## Looking back

Your turn in the film "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" was a decade ago. Do you still view doing movies as different from making music? It's still different for me. Now I'm a little more experienced, comfortable in my skin and in my choices as an actor. I've done projects with some of the biggest talent in the world. I did "Righteous Kill" with De Niro and Pacino. I did "13 Tzameti" with Jason Statham and Mickey Rourke. I haven't been in many situations where I've been intimidated by acting talent because I've been around the guys who for me, personally, are superheros. They're the guys whose body of work is just amazing to me.

Still, it was probably a little intimidating to act with both De Niro and Pacino. Yeah, yeah. At the same time? S— [Laughs]

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The rapper-businessman-actor talks to us about everything but his financial woes.



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The day before our phone interview with 50 Cent is the day he publicly declares bankruptcy. It doesn't take long to get an email asking that we abstain from mentioning his business affairs, as well as a couple other heavy topics. We don't dare ask about his financial situation, but whatever's going on — and he's claimed it's all under control, that even

Donald Trump has gone bankrupt, etc. — he's in good spirits, friendly and chatty when discussing "Southpaw," the boxing drama starring Jake Gyllenhaal as troubled pugilist Billy Hope. The rapper and businessman plays Jordan Mains, his manager/promoter, and it's a subject he knows a lot about, having been involved in boxing for even longer than he's been appearing in movies.

**The muscled-up Gyllenhaal looks intimidating on screen. Was he actually terrifying in person too?**

He looked like he was bigger. When you have all these muscles it makes you look like you're heavier. He was so chopped because he was really running five miles every morning then train-

ing. He looked like he was really doing the work.

**You play a promoter and manager in "Southpaw," but you've said most of them aren't as fit as you are. Did you consider gaining a touch of weight?**

You know what, I didn't gain any weight, but I didn't train. My body got soft during that time period, because I wasn't working out. What's sad is you can train hard for a long time and mess yourself up by not working for two weeks. You get on a treadmill and it's like you died, man. You're so used to your heart rate having adjusted from not working out. You get comfortable with not doing anything.

**Did you borrow from any boxing promoters to**

**portray your character? He's not as flamboyant as Don King.**

Some of the lines did feel like Don, almost. The big piece was Al Hayman in the way that Jordan Mains is smart enough to make himself a manager in addition to a promoter. In order to really control boxing you've got to come in under a management position. That way you can tell a fighter that he can just listen to you. When you can control whether the fight happens or doesn't happen then the networks have to go through you.

**It seems tough having to juggle business savvy with something as unpredictable and dangerous as boxing.** In business I've seen people destroy things when they have some-

thing they can replace it with. The sport of boxing is the only place I've seen people destroy things just to destroy things.

**Do you see many parallels between boxing and the music industry?**

They come from the same places. The fighters, they're coming from low-income situations in inner cities. They can relate to not having very much. When you make it, and you get to the leagues, if you're a baseball or basketball player, or you get to the championship, you say, "When I do get there I'm going to be straight. I'm going to look out for my people." Their happiness is connected to those closest to them. If you've made it to the point where you can spend a little cash, you do things for them.



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# Lots of anguish, acting and odd neck tattoos



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In a performance equal to several lines worth of exclamation points, Jake Gyllenhaal plays the too aptly named Billy Hope, a neck-tatted champion pugilist whose Jersey-trashy wife (Rachel McAdams) is killed in a freak accident. Then things get even worse, with Billy's self-destructive streak costing him his mansion, his riches and his daughter.

Much like its protagonist, it takes awhile for "Southpaw" to calm down. But it chills out too much. The script doesn't know what to do with Billy Hope 2.0, and the third act plays like it was outlined



Jake Gyllenhaal, taking over in a role once intended for Eminem, got ripped for the boxing saga "Southpaw." **THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY**

minutes before happy hour then never reworked. Character arcs never finish arcing. The final fight is a big, fat anticlimax building to jerked tears.

Melodrama isn't the problem here but lack thereof. It's clear "South-

paw" wants to find the real in a cheesy genre, but all it does is overplay a story that doesn't have the nerve to realize what it is: a macho weepie, albeit one that falls onto the ropes well before the final round.

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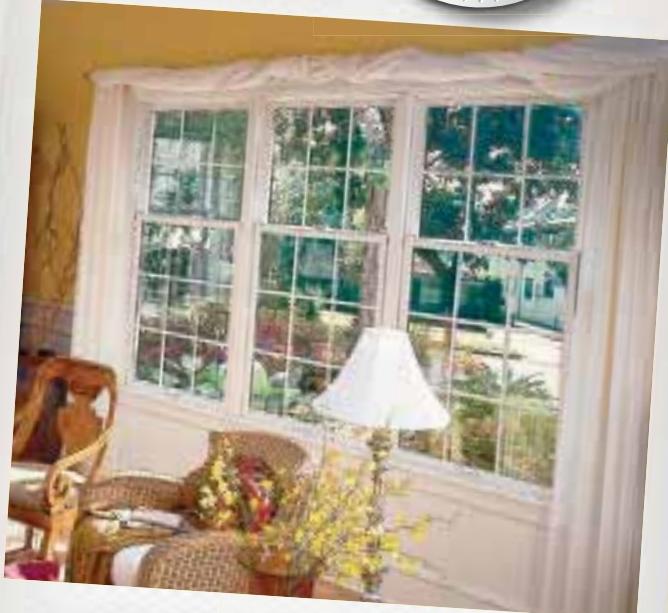
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# Page to screen, part two

Cara Delevingne and Nat Wolff in "Paper Towns." MICHAEL TACKETT

Author John Green hits Hollywood again with "Paper Towns"



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"Paper Towns" is only the second movie made from a novel by John Green, so it's understandable that the "Fault in Our Stars" author is still not

the most savvy person around a film set. And it's not really a problem, except when his enthusiasm can ruin the audio for a pivotal love scene.

"I was so excited because [actor] Justice [Smith] put this line back in: 'I always think about imagining Santa complexly when I'm eating my Lucky Charms with my black Santa spoon.' I know that I wrote that line, but I also find it very funny. And I found it particularly funny when Justice was saying it," Green explains. "I was laughing the whole time they were making out, jumping up and down and yelping. But I thought I was far enough away that my joy would not be audible. But it turns out that, yeah, they had to fix the audio. They have to take out my joy."

His rather audible glee is justifiable, given the breakout success Green has found in film following similar success with his books. Last year's "Fault in Our Stars" was a certified hit, and he and the team behind it are hoping for a repeat with "Paper Towns." But don't expect a retreat.

"This isn't 'Fault in Our Stars 2: Electric Boogaloo.' It's clearly a very different film, and it has a very different tone

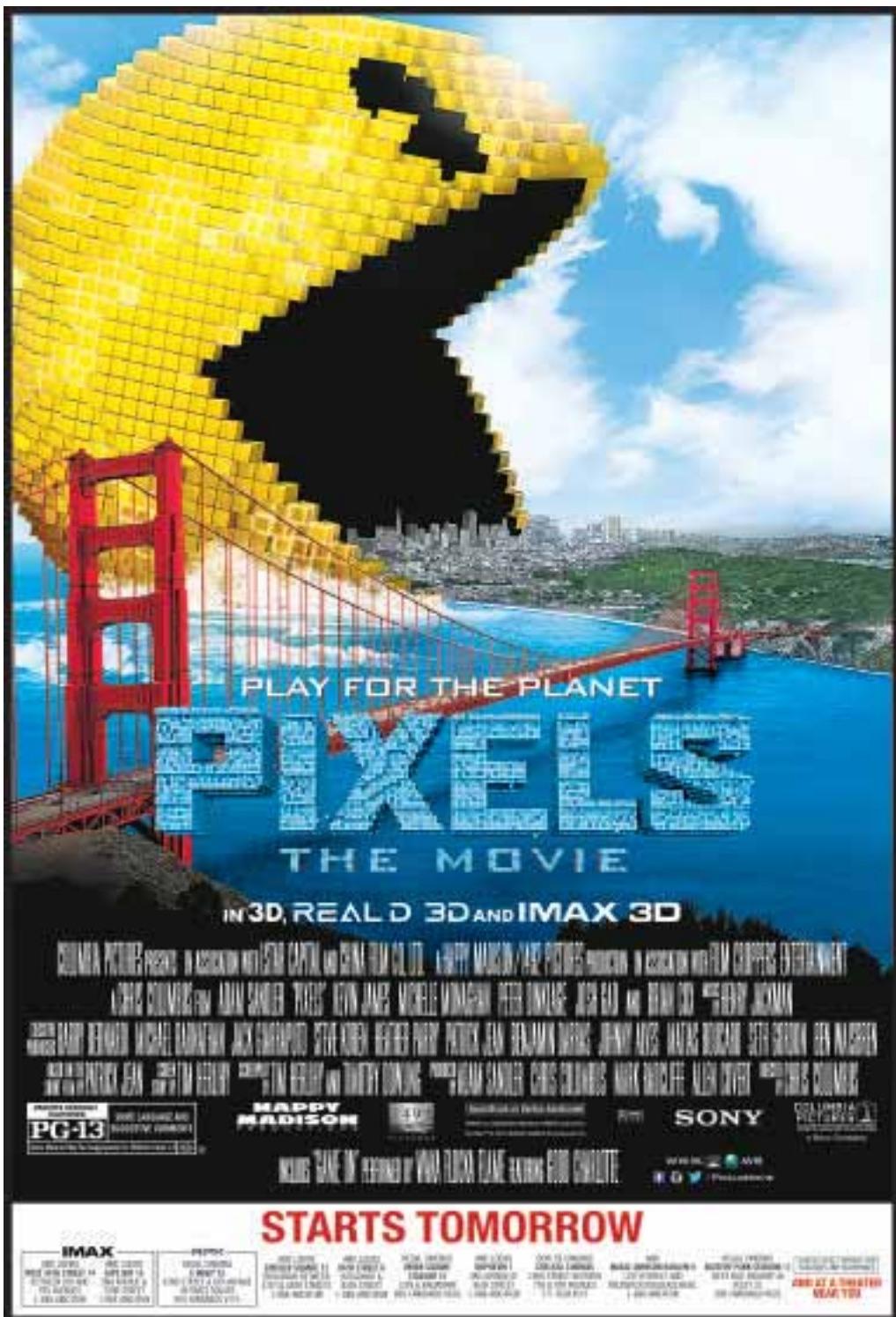
and a different world," Green says. "We all knew that we were making a very different kind of movie from 'The Fault in Our Stars.' So I didn't feel pressure, I just felt excitement. I was much more nervous the first time around than this time around because I knew I trusted everyone involved in the project. So for me it's just been joyful, the whole process, which is really lucky. Because authors generally do not feel that way about the movie adaptations of their books."

And onscreen, at least one familiar face from the previous film takes center stage, with "Fault in Our Stars" supporting player Nat Wolff stepping into the lead for "Paper Towns." It's something Green would totally take credit for if he could.

"I'm not a movie executive; I don't know how to make movies," Green says. "But pretty much every day during the 'Fault in Our Stars' shoot, I would lean forward to the producers and say,

'You know what you guys should do? You should make a movie of 'Paper Towns.' And you know who should play Q? Nat Wolff.'

Nat Wolff should play Q. Have you guys thought about Nat Wolff? And, yeah, it worked." Green GETTY



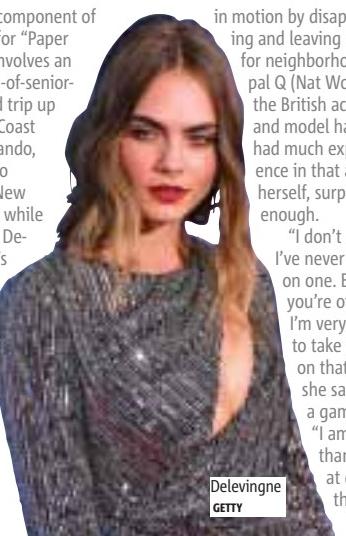
**STARTS TOMORROW**

## Cara Delevingne can't drive

A major component of the plot for "Paper Towns" involves an epic, end-of-senior-year road trip up the East Coast from Orlando, Florida, to upstate New York. But while star Cara Delevingne's character, Margo Roth Spiegelman, is the one that sets the trip

in motion by disappearing and leaving clues for neighborhood pal Q (Nat Wolff), the British actress and model hasn't had much experience in that area herself, surprisingly enough.

"I don't drive. I've never been on one. But if you're offering, I'm very happy to take you up on that offer," she says with a game grin. "I am better than Nat at driving, though."



Delevingne  
GETTY

# Tanlines is far from fading

The electro-rock duo is basically a case study in how to make a second album a success. Here's how they did it.



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A lot of musicians are wary of running into the sophomore slump bands can encounter when putting out a second album. But fear is not why it took electro-rock duo Tanlines three years to release "Highlights," the follow-up to their debut album, "Mixed Emotions." The "problem" was that their first album was so darn successful, it kept them too busy.

"We toured about two years, which is why it took about a year longer than we would have liked to put out a new album," Tanlines' Jesse Cohen tells us, while taking a short break from recording his "No Effects" podcast. He thinks comparisons are often more about the listener than the music. "People inevitably compare your second album to your first one, but I think what they're also comparing is where they are in their lives compared to where they were when the first album came out," he says.

## Go bigger with what you do best

Regardless of how you look at it, the second album has only given the band more momentum. Critics and fans are both loving it, which may be because Cohen and his Tanlines partner Eric Emm amplified what made them successful the first go-round. "Go-

ing into 'Highlights,' our goal was to stretch what we could do; whatever Tanlines did, we wanted to make it more so," Cohen says. "Our band has always been like this mixture between electronic sounds and live or acoustic sounds or whatever, and on this album, it's just a wider mixture than before, on the first album."

## Call in the help

The guys recorded part of the album in Emm's parents' basement in Pittsburgh and recorded the rest of it in a church in Greenpoint with Chris Taylor from Grizzlybear, the first time they'd enlisted the help of a producer. "It was a little harder for Eric than it was for me because he's used to being his own editor," Cohen says. "So it took him a little while to get into it, but it was what we needed and wanted to do on this album. We wanted to get another person's aesthetic."

## Create some buzz

To coincide with the new album's release, Cohen had the idea of transforming their website into a parody of Netflix, including listing "top picks" and a movie or TV show that goes along with each tour stop. "People kept telling me Netflix was going to sue us, but they're totally into it," Cohen says, and just a peak at Tanlines' Twitter feed shows a playful relationship between the two with Netflix often tweeting Tanlines' song lyrics.

"We also have a billboard by the Williamsburg Bridge," Cohen says of another promotional project he's proud of. "It's very funny and was designed by our friend Teddy Blanks, who also helped with our website. It's an achievement."



Jesse Cohen and Eric Emm of Tanlines. COLUMBINE GOLDSMITH

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**Aries** The money that is headed your way should be put into your savings and not squandered on unnecessary purchases.



**Taurus** You will need to go through unusual sources to get information. Have a heart-to-heart talk with someone who will be affected by your choices.



**Gemini** Someone from your past will help you find a way out of a situation. Research will help you decide whether an investment offer is worth it.



**Cancer** Your ideas may not be welcome if you share your plans prematurely. Mulling over your thoughts will help you decide what to do.



**Leo** It's easy to become anxious when you are constantly trying to improve. Getting together with people from your past will lighten your mood.



**Virgo** A creative approach to a project will pay off. Property or investment deals will turn a profit if you are well informed and have the cash.



**Libra** Get together with friends. Family members will be hard to deal with, so plan to attend a social event away from home.



**Scorpio** You will be able to persuade others to follow your plans. If you are assertive and bold, you will gain recognition.



**Sagittarius** You may be itching to travel, but it would be best to wait. Going into debt for a quick getaway will seem like a mistake.



**Capricorn** You will be inclined to over-react to a personal matter that arises. Financial, medical or legal questions are best addressed swiftly.

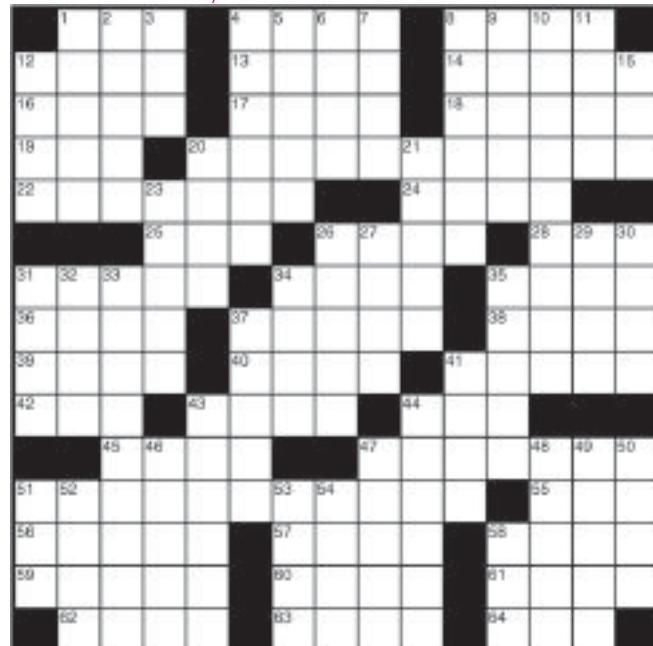


**Aquarius** Helping others will boost your confidence and give you satisfaction. It's time to let your friends know how much you value their support.



**Pisces** Careful budgeting will help you out of a temporary financial bind. Your plans may be set back for a while. **EUGENIA LAST**

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### Across

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| 1 Minibus                 | 44 So!               | 12 Bikini halves        |
| 4 I beg your pardon!      | 45 PC fodder         | 15 Sixth sense          |
| 8 Gyro pocket             | 47 Nutty confection  | 20 Throw in the towel   |
| 12 Rum-soaked cake        | 51 Toasted goody     | 21 Storrs coll.         |
| 13 Caribbean republic     | 55 Family mem.       | 23 Eager                |
| 14 Fashion's – Simpson    | 56 Union demand      | 26 Defendants' answers  |
| 16 Determine, as a ref    | 57 Feast with poi    | 27 Countess's husband   |
| 17 Thicken, as cream      | 58 A Marx            | 29 Memo abbr.           |
| 18 Sniffles               | 59 Gloss             | 30 — -majeste           |
| 19 Pub pint               | 60 Coffee brewers    | 31 Shuttle launch sound |
| 20 Giant strides (2 wds.) | 61 Off-road vehicles | 32 Advantage            |
| 22 Waltz king             | 62 Mach 1 breakers   | 33 Ironworks            |
| 24 Mama — Elliot          | 63 Ration out        | 34 Bohr's study         |
| 25 "A pox upon thee!"     | 64 "Neigh" homophone | 35 Outspoken            |
| 26 Lowly laborer          |                      | 37 Get out fast         |
| 28 Baseball's – Ripken    |                      | 41 Irish playright      |
| 31 Tailoring job          |                      | 43 Acropolis locale     |
| 34 Bates or Arkin         |                      | 44 Wake up              |
| 35 Go to the polls        |                      | 46 Strength             |
| 36 Skunk's defense        |                      | 47 Chlorophyll maker    |
| 37 DJ Howard —            |                      | 48 Teed off             |
| 38 — out (withdraws)      |                      | 49 Brain messenger      |
| 39 Feverish chill         |                      | 50 Architects' wings    |
| 40 Ember                  |                      | 51 Newlywed title       |
| 41 Part of the act        |                      | 52 Signs of relief      |
| 42 Stimp's buddy          |                      | 53 Grad                 |
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### Down

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| 2 Lassie's refusal      | 3 Point the finger       | 46 Strength          |
| 3 Go to the polls       | 5 Grass-skirt dances     | 47 Chlorophyll maker |
| 36 Skunk's defense      | 6 Deep black             | 48 Teed off          |
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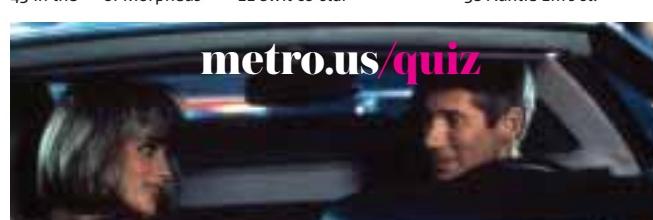
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# going out



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# Truckfuls of FLAVOR

No one wants to stop enjoying the outdoors during summer to duck into a restaurant for a meal. But which food trucks are worth the wait? We went on a weeklong tasting spree to find some of the city's best. **MARISA ROBERTSON-TEXTOR**



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Monday

**Fud-Hi****Fud-Hi.com**

Mondays can be rough; a little comfort by way of food is in order. At Fud-Hi, owner Rich Kim serves each Korean-fusion dish with a radiant smile sure to lift your post-weekend blues. While his rotating menu includes hamburgers, pork sausage and pumpkin soup, the crowd favorites are chicken, both crispy and spicy (\$9). The crunchy-tender morsels are served over a bed of rice flecked with corn and drizzled with a pungent white sauce then sprinkled with scallions. A side of not-exactly-kimchi (lightly pickled cabbage and red onion) cuts the richness of the chicken with much-needed brightness and crunch.

Tuesday

**The Shuka Truck****ShukaNYC.com**

Seek out the shakshuka, the hearty Israeli breakfast dish of savory tomato stew and poached eggs. After serving in the Israeli army, childhood friends and co-owners Gabriel Israel and Josh Sharon were anxious to begin their careers. Israel, who worked at Boulud Sud before turning his culinary skills to street food back in December, preps everything, down to his tender, pull-apart challah, in the truck. "It's crazy," he admits. This isn't your grandmother's shakshuka: Israel is committed to developing versions in every color of the rainbow, from "white" (smoked eggplant, mushrooms, and blue cheese) to "green" (asparagus and zucchini in a delicate spinach sauce). At \$12 a bowl, this isn't the bargain of the street, but it's restaurant-caliber dining.

Wednesday

**DiSo's Italian Sandwich Society****DisosNYC.com**

By Hump Day you're probably fantasizing about cruising the Mediterranean. Head to DiSo's, founded by cousins Anthony Lagana, who takes orders behind the wheel, and Adam DiSilvestro, who oversees sandwich prep. Together, they've created one of the city's great all-American sandwich spots, with meats and cheeses sourced exclusively from Di Palo's Fine Foods in Little Italy ("Lou DiPalo's parents came over on the boat with our grandparents," says Lagana) and bread from Sullivan Street Bakery. Their best-selling Joey Shakes features a riot of prosciutto, capicola, salami, provolone, hot cherry peppers, arugula, Parmigiano-Reggiano and ricotta, all drizzled with just a touch of sweet balsamic vinegar. Warning: Unless you're eating for two, a "half" (\$8.50) is ample.

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The two women working the Bahn Mi Cart refuse to give their names — "We don't want publicity! Our boss doesn't want to be popular!" One of them smiles as the other reaches for a "special" (i.e., classic) banh mi sandwich (\$6) of paté, cold cuts and crisp, lightly pickled cucumbers and carrots on a shatteringly crunchy, lightly toasted baguette. Warning to her boss: With a sandwich this cheap and good, publicity has a way of finding you, even if you don't have a website or Twitter feed.

Friday

**Frites 'N' Meats****FritesNMeats.com**

How better to get your TGIF on than with one of the staggering burgers at Frites 'N' Meats? Indecisive rookies might want to start with the Burger of the Week — recent entries include the Marital Bliss (cream cheese, jalapeño, bacon) and El Cubano (ham, Gruyere, pickles) — while regulars will build their own from a range of toppings including onion jam, guacamole and Brie. Whatever your choice, count on a generous patty cooked to order with a splash of beer that owner Ali Beydoun pours onto the grill. On the side are Belgian-style fries served in a classic cone, crisp and satisfying, with a range of "sassy" sauces, from aioli to wasabi mayo.

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## EVENT

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Art, music and dance spill out of the Museum of the City of New York and neighbor El Museo del Barrio and onto the streets Wednesdays through Aug. 12. Current exhibition "Hip-Hop Revolution" influences the en-

tertainment, with dance lessons, breakdancers, local food and art demos.

## MUSIC

**David Wax Museum****July 28, 5-7:30 p.m.****City Winery, 155 Varick St.****Free, CityWinery.com**

City Winery's weekly block party, the Hudson Square Music & Wine Festival, welcomes David Wax Museum, consisting of Brooklynite David Mills playing eclectic instruments ranging from various guitars to a donkey's jawbone. The series continues every Tuesday through Aug. 25.

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**Space&Science Fest****July 23-26****Intrepid Museum, Pier 26****\$24, IntrepidMuseum.org**

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This weekend's forecast calls for warm weather, but without the chance of bursting into flames do get out to Central Park for the city's biggest water-centric festival of the summer — Waterfight NYC commences at 2 p.m. on the Great Lawn, and only water guns are allowed. Pro tip: Bring water bottles and buckets so you're not waiting in the refill line.

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With ferry services likely to resume, it's going to become easier to visit Cuba. But you don't have to cross the sea to get a feel for the island.

Cuba's history has been intertwined with that of Florida for centuries. The Seminole Indians used to sail the 90 miles to Cuba to trade with the islanders. In 1763, the English handed Cuba to Spain in exchange for Florida, but 20 years later, Spain gave it back. The year 1868 saw the beginnings of a revolution on the island, bringing the first wave of

**A taste of the island**

Traditional dishes include ropa vieja (literally, "old clothes"), a long-simmered stew of shredded beef; the slow-roasted pork called lechon; plantains fried in butter until they caramelize; and picadillo, a melange of ground meat and potatoes seasoned with onions, tomatoes, pimientos, green olives and capers.

## El Siboney Restaurant

**900 Catherine St., Key West, Elsiboneyrestaurant.com**

Come to this informal family-friendly place for a taste of Cuba. Try the mamas de puerco fritas (fried pork chunks), served with rice, black beans, sweet plantains and Cuban bread.

Cubans to Florida. Fidel Castro's revolution in 1959 saw yet more Cubans escaping to the U.S., with Cuban communities setting up in several places.

Miami's Little Havana is one of those places. Here, the Calle Ocho (Eighth Street) Festival, held in March, draws 1 million visitors and culminates in a massive block party featuring 30 music stages. There's a mini Calle Ocho on the last Friday of each month, when the Viernes Culturales street party offers music, dancing and street performers.

Ybor City in Tampa is another thriving Cuban community. Founded by a wealthy Cuban tobacco merchant, the tradition of Cuban cigar-making thrives.

and you can see demonstrations in the original 1886 cigar factory, now called the Centro Ybor. There are several highly rated Cuban restaurants in the neighborhood, too.

There's even a Cuban involvement in Tampa's love of baseball. Spring training began here in 1913 when, after a disappointing season, Chicago Cubs player-manager Johnny Evers brought the team to Tampa for extra training and three games against the Havana Athletics. Despite the presence of thousands of cigar factory workers who were let off work early to watch the games, the Cubs won the series 3-0, and Tampa has loved baseball ever since. **INSIGHT GUIDES | MIKE GERRARD AND DONNA DAILEY**



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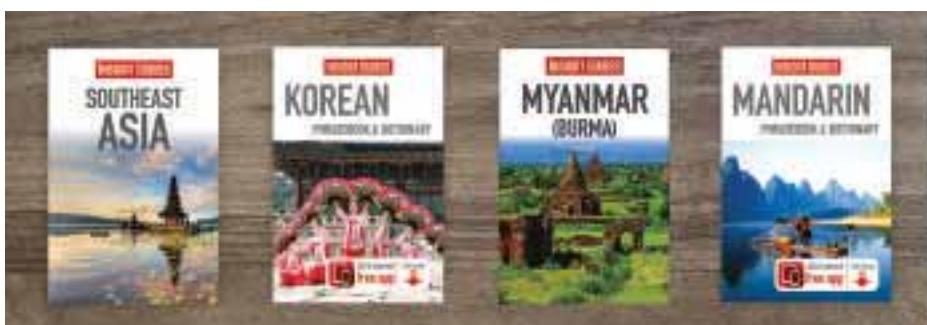
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Bluegrass festivals are scattered along the East Coast all summer. Most people camp or stay in RVs, since the music lasts from dawn until midnight. Bring lawn chairs, hats and sunscreen (most venues are not covered). Stage performances by professionals are the main draw, but perhaps the best music is after hours, when everyone with an instrument gathers for informal jams.

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## Pickin' bluegrass

**Three festivals worth checking out**

### Ossipee Valley Music Festival

Hiram, Maine, July 23-26, [Ossipeevalley.com](http://Ossipeevalley.com)

This one calls itself the "roots music festival in the White Mountains." With 20 artists, there's plenty of music plus a lot of other activities, including a dance barn, farm-to-table local food vendors, swimming in the Ossipee River and a dedicated activity area for kids.

### Podunk Bluegrass Festival

Hebron, Connecticut, Aug. 6-9, [Podunkbluegrass.com](http://Podunkbluegrass.com)

This bluegrass festival features local, regional and national artists, a songwriters' competition, a talent show for singers and demonstrations of traditional crafts plus a very large kids' area with storytelling, board games and outdoor games.

### Old Fiddlers' Convention

Galax, Virginia, Aug. 3-8, [Oldfiddlersconvention.com](http://Oldfiddlersconvention.com)

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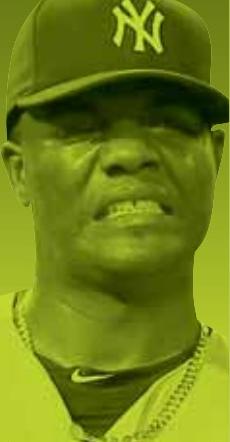


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MLB

### Dog days of summer

This weekend, the Yankees visit the Twins while the Mets host the NL West-leading Dodgers. It will be the first meeting between New York and Minnesota this season. The Twins haven't won a season series over the Yanks since 2001. Michael Pineda (9-6, 3.77 ERA) will get the ball for the Yankees Friday night. The Mets will have their hands full Friday night as they'll face Los Angeles ace Zack Greinke (9-2, 1.30 ERA). The Mets will trot out Jon Niese (5-8, 3.36 ERA) on Friday.



Visit [Metro.us](#) to see the latest rumors on when and who CM Punk will fight in UFC.

# 'HANDCUFFING' SHOULD NOT BE A DIRTY WORD

In the increasingly nerded-out world of fantasy football, handcuffing has gotten a bad rap. For the uninformed, handcuffing simply refers to drafting the backup of your starting running back. Opponents of this practice say carrying a player you'll only use if disaster hits reeks of scared money and is a waste of a bench spot. We're tying up bench liquidity that could be used as a revolving door to take shots on higher upside players. That's true in a lot of cases. But there are a few situations that warrant handcuffing because of a perfect storm:

### The Knile River

If I'm using a top-five pick on Jamaal Charles, you can be sure I'm reaching to get Knile Davis on my team. Charles will turn 29 during this season, and showed signs of breaking down last year as he fought knee, ankle and foot issues. The reason Davis is so necessary as a handcuff is because we can say with certainty he'll be a top-10 option anytime Charles sits. In the four games JC has missed all or most of over the last two seasons, Davis has averaged an outrageous 28.5 touches.

### Eagle eye

Contrary to popular be-

#### NFL news

Miami's Lamar Miller packed on 15 pounds this offseason, but that's not a good thing. There's a strong negative correlation between a running back's weight and his productivity, not to mention that Miller is trying to be something he's not. Miller's efficiency is now a concern along with his workload, especially given his early third-round ADP.



lief, Chip Kelly's fastbreak scheme is predicated on the run setting up the pass. That won't change if formerly injury prone DeMarco Murray goes down this year. Ryan Mathews, whose career trajectory was only stalled by his own inability to sustain health, is more than capable of stepping in to this high-upside role. The Eagles know it, as they offered him an \$11 million contract in March and stuck by it even after surprisingly landing DeMarco.

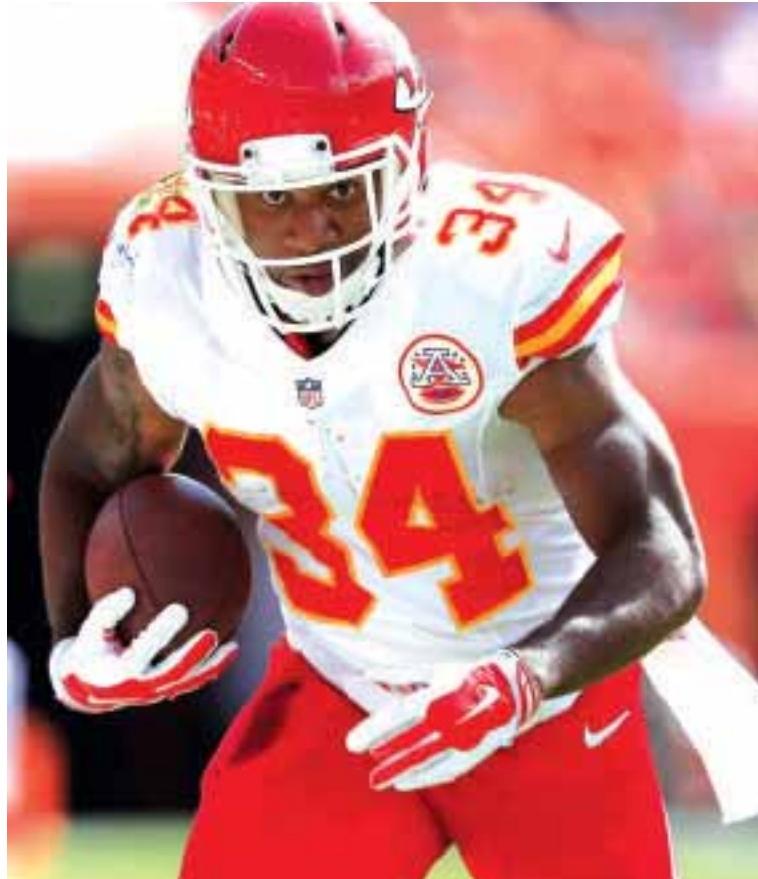
#### NFL

### Finding value in NFL over/unders

NFL training camps open next week, which means we're inching closer to gambling ... err ... football season. The over/unders on teams and their 2015 regular season win totals are fluctuating, so July is as good a time as any to jump on a bet. A look at some of the best values on the board at Bovada.lv:

**Redskins (6.5 wins) – Over**  
Robert Griffin III is experiencing Vince Young-like

backlash this offseason. One NFL coach told ESPN.com's Mike Santo that Griffin was "done," and he was ranked 31st overall by the MMQB.com in terms of projected starting quarterbacks for this season. This, of course, means that Griffin is due for something of a bounceback campaign. This is a team that's already bottomed out — they won three games in 2013 and won four games last season. Only truly horrific teams hover around three and four wins three years in a row. There's enough



Knile Davis rushed for 463 yards on 134 carries last season. / GETTY IMAGES

### Montee's ball

Over the next month, you'll hear chatter about a "camp battle" between C.J. Anderson and Montee Ball. That's just talk — anyone with two eyes knows Anderson has earned the right to be

Denver's feature back as an ideal fit for the new zone scheme. That said, even a lesser talent like Ball will succeed if given a chance to play for run-savvy Gary Kubiak. And if Anderson scuffles out of the gate and loses some job security, you'll want

the man that's waiting in the wings.



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Jameis Winston. / GETTY IMAGES

in Denver. Oh, and they replaced one head coach with a winning record (John Fox, 126-96) with one head coach who has a losing one (Gary Kubiak, 63-66).

**Buccaneers (6) – Over**  
Lovie Smith took over the Bears in 2004, and they went 5-11 in his first year. The next year that record flipped as the Bears went 11-5. With Jameis Winston playing behind a young, strong offensive line, Tampa Bay should overachieve. MATT BURKE

**Broncos (10) – Under**  
That Mile High air won't resurrect Peyton Manning's arm, which fell hard to the ground around Thanks-

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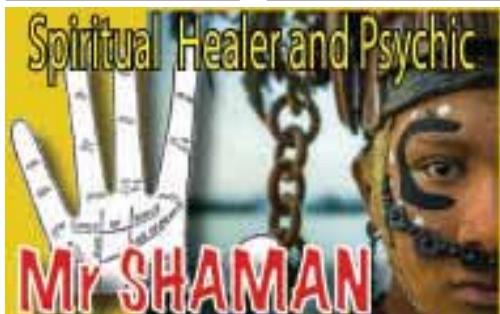
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